

DW_reset_sync

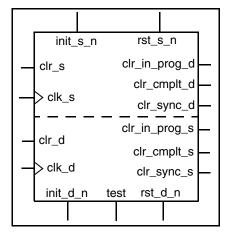
Reset Sequence Synchronizer

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Features and Benefits

Revision History

- Interface between dual asynchronous clock domains
- Coordinated clearing between clock domains
- Parameterized number of synchronizing stage
- Outputs are registered except as follows:
 - □ The clr sync s signal is never registered
 - □ The clr_in_prog_s and clr_in_prog_d outputs are registered only when the parameter reg_in_prog = 1
- Parameterized test feature
- Ability to model missampling of data on source clock domain



Description

This synchronizer is a mechanism for a dual clock domain design to cleanly coordinate localized clearing of sequential elements in each domain. A clearing action initiated from either clock domain sets in motion a sequence of events which generates status back to each domain that allows for resetting of sequential elements. The sequence is such that synchronized notification is made to each domain. As a result, when each exits its clearing state, each domain knows when it is safe to begin normal operation again without the risk of system inconsistencies occurring between clock domains.

In general, the outputs to each domain are registered with the exception of clr_in_prog_s and clr_in_prog_d. The clr_in_prog_s and clr_in_prog_d outputs can both be registered or not based on the *reg_in_prog* parameter setting.

A unique built-in verification feature allows the designer to turn on a random sampling error mechanism that models skew between bits of the incoming data bus from the source domain (for more details, see "Simulation Methodology" on page 6). This facility provides an opportunity for determining system robustness during the early development phases and without having to develop special test stimulus.



As of Release DWBB_201109.1 (F-2011.09-SP1), the DW_reset_sync clearing behavior has been enhanced to lengthen the assertion of clr_in_prog_d. Figure 1-2 on page 8 through Figure 1-5 on page 11 have been updated to reflect the new behavior. In addition, Figure 1-7 on page 13 and Figure 1-8 on page 14 have been added to show an example of the difference in behavior.

The main purpose of enhancing the DW_reset_sync was to lengthen the $clr_in_prog_d$ assertion. However, in doing so, the timing behavior of outputs $clr_in_prog_s$ and clr_cmplt_d have also been slightly altered.

Table 1-1 Pin Description

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
clk_s	1	Input	Source domain clock source
rst_s_n	1	Input	Source domain asynchronous reset (active low)
init_s_n	1	Input	Source domain synchronous reset (active low)
clr_s	1	Input	Source domain clear
clr_sync_s	1	Output	Source domain clear for sequential logic (single clk_s cycle pulse)
clr_in_prog_s	1	Output	Source domain clear sequence in progress
clr_cmplt_s	1	Output	Source domain clear sequence complete (single clk_s cycle pulse)
clk_d	1	Input	Destination domain clock source
rst_d_n	1	Input	Destination domain asynchronous reset (active low)
init_d_n	1	Input	Destination domain synchronous reset (active low)
clr_d	1	Input	Destination domain clear
clr_in_prog_d	1	Output	Destination domain clear sequence in progress
clr_sync_d	1	Output	Destination domain clear for sequential logic (single clk_d cycle pulse)
clr_cmplt_d	1	Output	Destination domain that clear sequence complete (single clk_d cycle pulse)
test	1	Input	Scan test mode select input

Table 1-2 Parameter Description

Parameter	Values	Description	
f_sync_type	0 to 4 Default: 2	Forward Synchronization Type Defines type and number of synchronizing stages: 0: Single clock design clk_d = clk_s 1: Negedge to posedge sync in destination domain 2: Posedge to posedge sync destination domain 3: 3 posedge flops in destination domain 4: 4 posedge flops in destination domain	
r_sync_type	0 to 4 Default: 2	Reverse Synchronization Type (destination to source domains) 0: Single clock design clk_d = clk_s 1: Negedge to posedge sync source domain 2: Posedge to posedge sync source domain 3: 3 posedge flops in source domain 4: 4 posedge flops in source domain	

Table 1-2 Parameter Description (Continued)

Parameter	Values	Description
clk_d_faster	0 to 15 Default: 1	Obsolete parameter; the value setting is ignored This parameter is kept in place only for backward compatibility.
reg_in_prog	0 or 1 Default: 1	Register the clr_in_prog_s and clr_in_prog_d outputs • 0: Unregistered • 1: Registered
tst_mode	0 to 2 Default: 0	Test Mode ■ 0: No 'latch' is inserted for scan testing ■ 1: Insert negative-edge capturing flip-flip on data_s input vector when test input is asserted ■ 2: Insert hold latch using active-low latch
verif_en	0 to 2 Default: 1	 Verification Enable Control 0: No sampling errors inserted 1: Sampling errors randomly inserted with 0 or up to 1 destination clock cycle delays 2: Sampling errors randomly inserted with 0, 0.5, 1, or 1.5 destination clock cycle delays 3: Sampling errors randomly inserted with 0, 1, 2, or 3 destination clock cycle delays 4: Sampling errors randomly inserted with 0 or up to 0.5 destination clock cycle delays For more information about <i>verif_en</i>, see "Simulation Methodology" on page 6.

Table 1-3 Synthesis Implementations

Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
rtl	Synthesis model	DesignWare

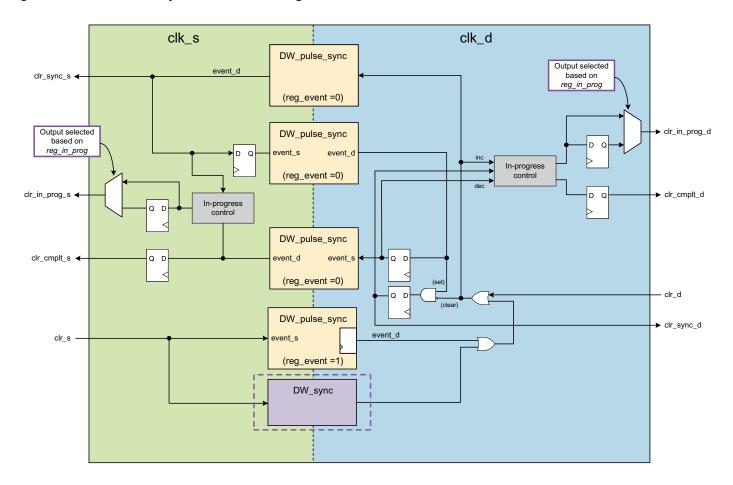
Table 1-4 Simulation Models

Model	Function
DW03.DW_RESET_SYNC_CFG_SIM	Design unit name for VHDL simulation without missamplings
DW03.DW_RESET_SYNC_CFG_SIM_MS	Design unit name for VHDL simulation with missamplings enabled. (For details, see "Simulation Methodology" on page 6.)
dw/dw03/src/DW_reset_sync_sim.vhd	VHDL simulation model source code (modeling RTL)
dw/sim_ver/DW_reset_sync.v	Verilog simulation model source code

Block Diagram

Figure 1-1 is the block diagram for the Reset Sequence Synchronizer.

Figure 1-1 DW_reset_sync Basic Block Diagram



Reset Considerations

System Resets (Synchronous and Asynchronous)

The instantiated DW_pulse_sync modules convert the clearing inputs (clr_s and clr_d) to 'toggle' events (from the source and destination domains, respectively). These 'toggle' events do not rely on state value but rather on state change from the originating domain. As a result, an assertion of rst_s_n or init_s_n could cause an erroneous 'toggle' event to occur that translates over into the destination domain in a 'false' assertion of clr_sync_d. Similarly, an assertion of rst_d_n or init_d_n, could result in a 'false' assertion of clr_sync_s. (For an example of a 'false' clr_sync_d event occurring as a by-product of asserting rst_s_n, see Figure 1-6 on page 12.) This could cause inconsistencies when the activation of these resets is not coordinated between the two domains at the system level. Therefore, as a requirement to insure clean set and release of the reset state, both source and destination domains must be, at some point, in the active reset state simultaneously when performing system resets. That is, when asserting rst_s_n and/or init_s_n,

then rst_d_n and/or init_d_n must also be asserted at the same time and vice versa. As a general requirement the length of the system reset signal(s) assertion should be a minimum of 4 clock cycles of the slowest clock between the two domains. System reset signals for both clock domains, when asserted, should overlap for a minimum of $f_sync_type + 1$ or $r_sync_type + 1$ cycles (whichever is larger) of the slowest clock of the two domains.

Besides satisfying simultaneous assertion of each domains system reset signals for a minimum number of cycles, the timing of the assertion between these signals needs some consideration. To prevent erroneous clr_sync_s and clr_sync_d pulses from occurring when system resets are asserted, it is recommended that:

- 1. If the source domain reset is asserted first, then the destination domain should assert its reset within $f_sync_type + 1 \ clk_d$ cycles from the time the assertion of the source domain reset occurred OR
- 2. If the destination domain reset is asserted first, then the source domain should assert its within $r_sync_type + 1 clk_s$ cycles from the time the assertion of the destination domain reset occurred.
- 3. If both domains can tolerate a false clr_sync_s or clr_sync_d (whichever the case) during system reset conditions, then this recommendation can be ignored as long as both clock domains eventually have overlapping active reset conditions.

There are no restrictions on when to release the reset condition on either side. However, to be completely safe, it is recommended, though not required, to release the source clock domain's reset last.

Additionally, the clearing signals (clr_s and clr_d) should not be asserted sooner than one clock cycle after their respective domain's system reset de-assertion. In fact, if possible, the first assertion of clr_s or clr_d shouldn't occur until one clock cycle within its domain from the last de-assertion of system reset between both domains.

Detail Clearing Functionality (Synchronous Clearing)

The DW_reset_sync contains one clearing signal for each domain called <code>clr_s</code> and <code>clr_d</code>. A minimum of a single clock cycle pulse on either one of these clearing signals initiates a synchronized clearing sequence to each domain for resetting of sequential elements of the system. This clearing sequence is orchestrated to ensure that the destination domain interface is completely cleared and ready before the source domain is permitted to initiating new activity.

In general, independent of which domain initiates the clearing sequence, the destination domain always goes into the active clearing state before the source domain does as indicated by <code>clr_in_prog_d</code> and <code>clr_in_prog_s</code> going to '1', respectively. Similarly, the destination domain exits the active clearing state before the source domain does as indicated by <code>clr_in_prog_d</code> and <code>clr_in_prog_s</code> going to '0', respectively.

Figure 1-2 on page 8 through Figure 1-5 on page 11 show various timing for clr_s and clr_d.

It is imperative for system integrity to cease source domain activity after asserting <code>clr_s</code> (and while waiting for a subsequent <code>clr_cmplt_s</code> pulse) and/or when observing an active <code>clr_in_prog_s</code>. From the destination domain, accepting activity after <code>clr_d</code> is asserted and/or observing an active <code>clr_in_prog_d</code> would result in corrupting system integrity. Bottom-line, it is very important to halt source domain and destination domain activity during the clearing sequence and only start source domain activity after the <code>clr_cmplt_s</code> pulse is observed.

There is no restriction on how often or how long clr_s and clr_d can be asserted. The clearing operation is maintained if in progress and subsequent clr_s and/or clr_d initiations are made. Once the final assertion

of clr_s and/or clr_d is made, the sustained clearing sequence eventually comes to completion and all 'in progress' flags de-assert.

Test

The synthesis parameter, tst_mode , controls the insertion of lock-up latches at the points where signals cross between the clock domains, clk_s and clk_d. Lock-up latches are used to ensure proper cross-domain operation during the capture phase of scan testing in devices with multiple clocks. When $tst_mode = 1$, lock-up latches will be inserted during synthesis and will be controlled by the input, test.

With $tst_mode = 1$, the input, test, controls the bypass of the latches for normal operation where test=0 bypasses latches and test=1 includes latches. In order to assist DFT compiler in the use of the lock-up latches, use the "set test hold 1 tst mode" command before using the insert scan command.

When *tst_mode* = 0 (which is its default value when not set in the design) no lock-up latches are inserted and the test input is not connected.



The insertion of lock-up latches requires the availability of an active low enable latch cell. If the target library does not have such a latch or if latches are not allowed (using dont_use commands for instance), synthesis of this module with *tst_mode*=1 will fail.

Simulation Methodology

Because this component contains synchronizing devices, there are two methods available for simulation. One method is to use the simulation models that emulate the RTL model. Or, you can enable modeling of random skew between bits of signals traversing to and from each domain (called missampling).

To use the simulation models that emulate the RTL model, no special configuration is required.

To use missampling requires the following considerations:

- To enable missampling in Verilog simulations, define the macro DW_MODEL_MISSAMPLES:
 - `define DW_MODEL_MISSAMPLES
 - If `DW_MODEL_MISSAMPLES is defined, the *verif_en* parameter comes into play to configure the simulation model as described by Table 1-2 on page 2. If `DW_MODEL_MISSAMPLES is not defined, the Verilog simulation model behaves as if *verif_en* is set to 0.
- To enable missampling in VHDL simulations, a simulation architecture named sim_ms is provided. The parameter *verif_en* only has meaning when using sim_ms. That is, when the sim simulation architecture is used instead, the model behaves as though *verif_en* is set to 0. For examples of how each architecture is used, see "HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation VHDL" on page 15.

Suppressing Warning Messages During Verilog Simulation

The Verilog simulation model includes macros that allow you to suppress warning messages during simulation.

To suppress all warning messages for all DWBB components, define the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro in either of the following ways:

• Specify the Verilog preprocessing macro in Verilog code:

```
`define DW_SUPPRESS_WARN
```

• Or, include a command line option to the simulator, such as:

```
+define+DW SUPPRESS WARN (which is used for the Synopsys VCS simulator)
```

The warning messages for this model include the following:

■ If values other than 1 or 0 are present on a clock port, the following message is displayed:

```
WARNING: <instance_path>.<clock_name>_monitor:
    at time = <timestamp>, Detected unknown value, x, on <clock name> input.
```

To suppress only this warning message for all DWBB components, use the following macro:

- □ Define the DW_DISABLE_CLK_MONITOR macro. You can define this macro in the following ways:
 - Specify the Verilog preprocessing macro in Verilog code:

```
`define DW_DISABLE_CLK_MONITOR
```

Or, include a command line option to the simulator, such as:

```
+define+DW DISABLE CLK MONITOR (which is used for the Synopsys VCS simulator)
```

This message is also suppressed using the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro explained earlier.

Timing Diagrams

Figure 1-2 on page 8 shows an example of clr_s initiating a local clearing sequence. In this case, clr_s is a single clk_s cycle, but the length of clr_s assertions is not restricted. When clr_s is asserted, it propagates to the destination domain where it is synchronized and produces the assertion of $clr_in_prog_d$ (which stays active until the clearing sequence from the destination domain's perspective completes). The event of the $clr_in_prog_d$ assertion is fed back to the source domain where it is synchronized and, in turn, starts the source domain clearing event in the form of clr_sync_s and $clr_in_prog_s$ assertions. As with the $clr_in_prog_d$ in the destination domain, $clr_in_prog_s$ stays asserted until the completion of the clearing sequence in the source domain.

The event of the clr_sync_s assertion then gets routed back to the destination domain to initiate the synchronized completion of the clearing sequence on that end. This is indicated by the clr_sync_d pulse and de-assertion of clr_in_prog_d followed by the clr_cmplt_d. At this point, the destination domain is in its initialized state and ready to receive activity from the source domain.

To finish up the clearing sequence between the two domains, the <code>clr_sync_d</code> pulse is sent back to the source domain where it is synchronized and de-asserts <code>clr_in_prog_s</code> which is followed by the

clr_cmplt_s pulse. Once the clr_cmplt_s gets asserted, it is the indication to the source domain that the destination domain is cleared and ready for the new activity.

For this waveform example *f_sync_type* is 2, *r_sync_type* is 2, and *reg_in_prog* is 1. *tst_mode* and *verif_en* have no impact in this example.

Figure 1-2 Example of clr_s Initiated Clearing

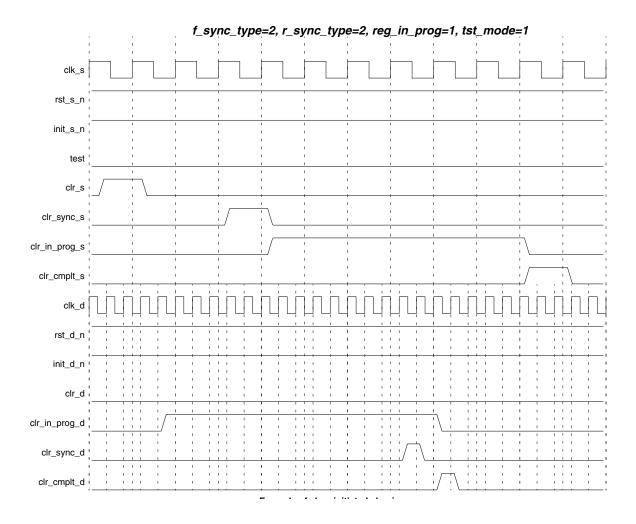


Figure 1-3 shows an example of clr_d initiating a clearing sequence. The clr_d initiated pulse places the destination domain in the active clearing state as indicated by the assertion of clr_in_prog_d. At the same time, clr_d gets sent to the source domain where it is synchronized and triggers the clr_sync_s and clr_in_prog_s signals. At this point, the source domain needs to realize, based on clr_sync_s or clr_in_prog_s assertions that the destination domain is in the active clearing state and is not receiving any more activity.

Once the clr_sync_s assertion occurs it is re-synchronized back in the destination domain to generate the clr_sync_d output as well as the de-assertion of the clr_in_prog_d output followed by the active pulse of clr_cmplt_d. At this point, the destination domain is in its initialized state and ready to receive activity from the source domain.

The assertion of <code>clr_sync_d</code> is sent back to the source domain which triggers the de-assertion of <code>clr_in_prog_s</code> followed by the <code>clr_cmplt_s</code> pulse activation. Once the <code>clr_cmplt_s</code> gets asserted, it is the indication to the source domain that the destination domain is cleared and ready for the new activity.

Figure 1-3 Example of clr_d Initiated Clearing Sequence

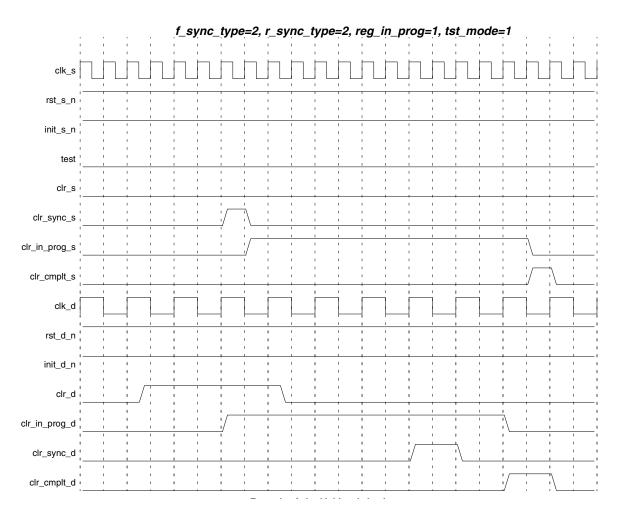


Figure 1-4 shows an example of both clr_s and clr_d being asserted around the same time. In this example the clk_s rate is faster than the clk_d rate. Once one of the clearing signals is sampled, the clearing sequence is starting. As long as either clr_s or clr_d is sustained 'high' and the clearing sequence is in progress, clearing is also sustained until both clr_s and clr_d are de-asserted. Following the de-assertion of both clr_s and clr_d, the clearing sequence progresses and completes as indicated by the single clock cycle pulses of clr_cmplt_d and clr_cmplt_s from each domain.

Figure 1-4 Example of clr_s and clr_d Initiated Clearing Sequence

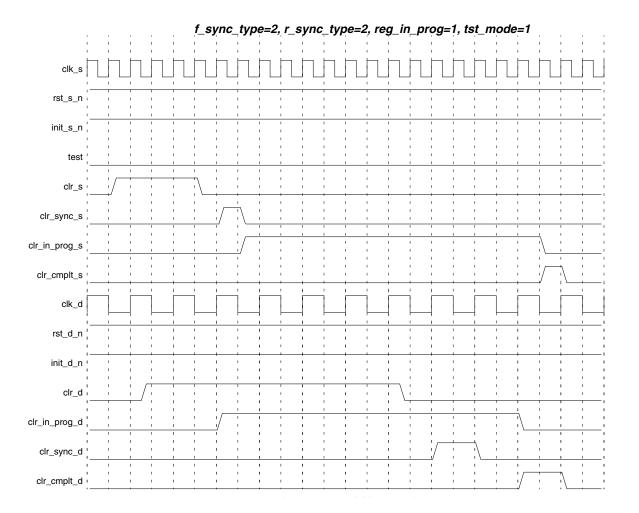


Figure 1-5 shows an initiation of a clr_s where its duration is much longer than one clk_s cycle. From this, the behavior of the clr_in_prog_s and clr_in_prog_d flags are sustained longer than those seen in Figure 1-2 on page 8 in which clr_s was only asserted a single clk_s cycle.

Figure 1-5 clr_s Duration Much Longer than One clk_s Cycle

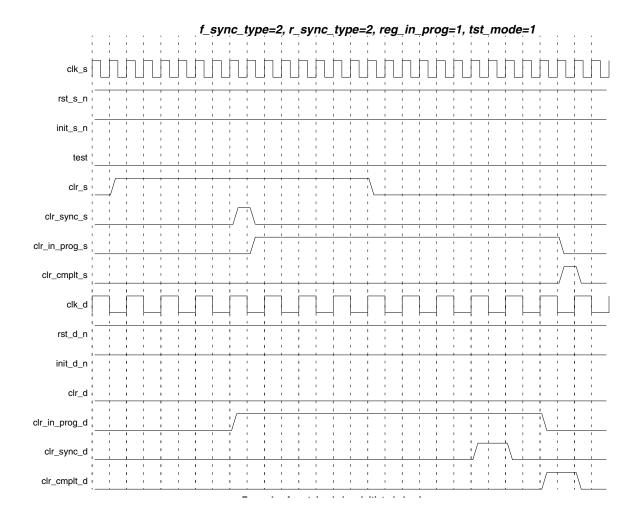
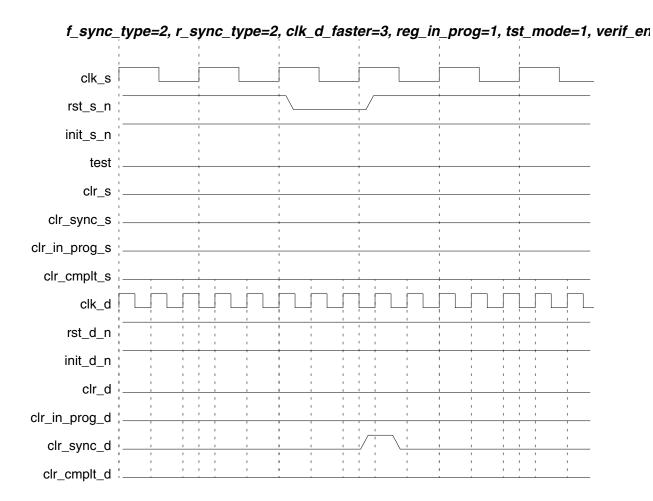


Figure 1-6 shows an example of rst_s_n being asserted and how it can induce a clr_sync_d event that is not initiated by either a clr_s or clr_d assertion.

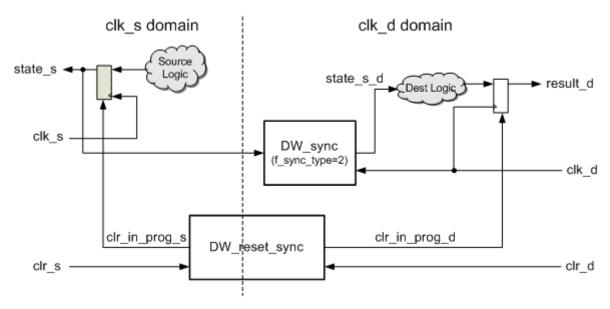
Figure 1-6 Example of Asserted rst_s_n Causing Abnormal Clearing Sequence



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Example DW_reset_sync Usage

Figure 1-7 Block Diagram for Example Usage of DW_reset_sync



In referring to Figure 1-7, the following timing diagram (Figure 1-8 on page 14) shows the difference in behavior between the previous version of DW_reset_sync (old) and the current version of DW_reset_sync (new) as they relate to clr_in_prog_d.

What Figure 1-8 on page 14 depicts is the different "result_d" behavior when using the version DWBB_201109.1 (F-2011.09) and later (new) DW_reset_sync compared to version DWBB_201012.5 (E-2010.12-SP5) and earlier (old) DW_reset_sync. In the figure, 'state_s' is a signal in the 'clk_s' domain that gets synchronized through a DW_sync into the 'clk_d' domain as 'state_s_d'. Signal "A_result_d" and "B_result_d" represent "result_d" from Figure 1-7 but for different applications of the 'clr_in_prog_d' versions. "A_result_d" is connected to the old DW_reset_sync and its 'A_clr_in_prog_d' (old) and "B_result_d" is connected to the current DW_reset_sync and its 'B_clr_in_prog_d' (new). In both versions of DW_reset_sync, clr_in_prog_s are identical and only listed once in the timing diagram.

As can be seen, "A_result_d" contains a single-cycle <code>clk_d</code> pulse (circled in red) after 'A_clr_in_prog_d' (old) de-asserts. Since 'A_clr_in_prog_d' is inactive, this blip of "A_result_d" comes from 'state_s_d' being sampled in its 'non-cleared' state. Eventually the cleared value of 'state_s_d' is seen but too late. This could be undesirable and could cause some inadvertent activity downstream in the system because all indications show that the clearing sequence is done in the 'clk_d' domain.

This problem is fixed with the current DW_reset_sync since the 'clr_in_prog_d' (B_clr_in_prog_d in this example) is extended and prevents "B_result_d' from registering that unwanted 'non-cleared' value produced from state_s_d.

clk_s state_s clr_in_prog_s(old) clr_in_prog_s(new) clk_d A_result_d clr_prog_in_d(old) clr_prog_in_d(old) clr_prog_in_d(new)

Example of previous clearing sequence vs. enhanced clearing sequence

Figure 1-8 Example: Fixed Possible Incorrect Result with New clr_in_prog_d Behavior

Related Topics

- Memory Registers Overview
- DesignWare Building Block IP User Guide

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HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL

```
library IEEE, DWARE;
use IEEE.std logic 1164.all;
use DWARE.DW Foundation comp.all;
entity DW reset sync inst is
      generic (
        inst f sync type : INTEGER := 2;
            inst r sync type : NATURAL := 2;
            inst clk d faster: NATURAL := 1;
            inst reg in prog : NATURAL := 1;
        inst tst mode : INTEGER := 0;
        inst verif en : INTEGER := 1
        );
      port (
        inst clk s : in std logic;
        inst rst s n : in std logic;
        inst init s n : in std logic;
        inst clr s : in std logic;
        clr sync s inst : out std logic;
        clr in prog s inst : out std logic;
        clr cmplt s inst : out std logic;
        inst clk d : in std logic;
        inst rst d n : in std logic;
        inst init d n : in std logic;
        inst clr d : in std logic;
            clr in prog d inst : out std logic;
            clr sync d inst : out std logic;
            clr cmplt d inst : out std logic;
        inst test: in std logic
        );
    end DW reset sync inst;
architecture inst of DW reset sync inst is
begin
    -- Instance of DW reset sync
    U1 : DW reset sync
    generic map (f sync type => inst f sync type, r sync type => inst r sync type,
clk d faster => inst clk d faster,
                      reg_in_prog => inst_reg in prog, tst mode => inst tst mode,
verif_en => inst_verif en )
    port map ( clk s => inst clk s, rst s n => inst rst s n, init s n => inst init s n,
clr s => inst clr s,
```

```
clr sync s => clr sync s inst, clr in prog s => clr in prog s inst,
clr cmplt s => clr cmplt s inst,
             clk d => inst clk d, rst d n => inst rst d n, init d n => inst init d n,
clr d => inst clr d,
             clr in prog d => clr in prog d inst, clr sync d => clr sync d inst,
clr cmplt d => clr cmplt d inst,
               test => inst test );
end inst;
-- Configuration for use with a VHDL simulator
-- pragma translate off
library DW03;
configuration DW reset sync inst cfg inst of DW reset sync inst is
  for inst
    -- NOTE: If desiring to model missampling, uncomment the following
    -- line. Doing so, however, will cause inconsequential errors
    -- when analyzing or reading this configuration before synthesis.
    -- for U1 : DW reset sync use configuration DW03.DW reset sync cfg sim ms;
                                                                                 end
for;
 end for; -- inst
end DW reset sync inst cfg inst;
-- pragma translate on
```

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - Verilog

```
module DW reset sync inst (inst clk s, inst rst s n, inst init s n, inst clr s,
                clr sync s inst, clr in prog s inst, clr cmplt s inst,
          inst clk d, inst rst d n, inst init d n, inst clr d, clr in prog d inst,
          clr sync d inst, clr cmplt d inst, inst test );
parameter f sync type = 2;
parameter r sync type = 2;
parameter clk d faster = 1;
parameter reg in prog = 1;
parameter tst mode = 0;
parameter verif en = 1;
input inst clk s;
input inst rst s n;
input inst init s n;
input inst clr s;
output clr sync s inst;
output clr in prog s inst;
output clr cmplt s inst;
input inst clk d;
input inst rst d n;
input inst init d n;
input inst clr d;
output clr in proq d inst;
output clr sync d inst;
output clr cmplt d inst;
input inst test;
    // Instance of DW reset sync
    DW reset sync #(f sync type, r sync type, clk d faster, reg in prog, tst mode,
verif en)
      U1 ( .clk s(inst clk s), .rst s n(inst rst s n), .init s n(inst init s n),
.clr s(inst clr s), .clr sync s(clr sync s inst), .clr in prog s(clr in prog s inst),
.clr cmplt s(clr cmplt s inst), .clk d(inst clk d), .rst d n(inst rst d n),
.init_d_n(inst_init_d_n), .clr_d(inst_clr_d), .clr_in_prog_d(clr_in_prog_d inst),
.clr sync d( clr sync d inst), .clr cmplt d(clr cmplt d inst), .test(inst test) );
endmodule
```

Revision History

For notes about this release, see the *DesignWare Building Block IP Release Notes*.

For lists of both known and fixed issues for this component, refer to the STAR report.

For a version of this datasheet with visible change bars, click here.

Date	Release	Updates
June 2023	DWBB_202212.4	 Adjusted the feature about registered outputs on page 1 Adjusted the block diagram Figure 1-1 on page 4
September 2021	DWBB_202106.2	 Adjusted the block diagram in Figure 1-1 on page 4 Adjusted the following waveform diagrams: Figure 1-2 on page 8 Figure 1-3 on page 9 Figure 1-4 on page 10 Figure 1-5 on page 11
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October 2019	DWBB_201903.5	 Added the "Disabling Clock Monitor Messages" section Added this Revision History table and the document links on this page

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